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In re Patent No. 6,347,229	:	
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This is a decision in response to the renewed petition filed March 14, 2011 and supplemented on March 18, 2011, under 37 CFR 1.378(c), to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This patent expired on February 12, 2010, for failure to pay the 7 ½ year maintenance fee. . On December 6, 2010, a petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c) was filed, however; the petition was dismissed on January 14, 2011. The renewed petition filed herein, satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.378(d). Since this petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

Accordingly, the maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that the delay in paying the maintenance fee under 37 CFR 1.378(c) was intentional, petitioner must notify the Office. The patent file is being forwarded to Files Repository.

The Revocation and Power of Attorney filed on March 18, 2011 is hereby accepted and made of record. However, petitioner should also note that the mere filing of a power of attorney and/or a change of correspondence address will not affect the fee address. Therefore, if petitioner desires to receive future correspondence regarding any Maintenance Fee Reminder which may be mailed regarding maintenance fees for the above-identified patent the "Fee Address" Indication Form (see PTO/SB/47) and Request for Customer Number (see PTO/SB/125) should be submitted.

A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition; however, the Office will mail all future correspondence solely to the address of record.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-6059.

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